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<i>Application Number</i>	09/673,710
<i>Filing Date</i>	March 7, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Burssens
<i>Art Unit</i>	1638
<i>Examiner Name</i>	C. Collins
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	1187-18

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Applicant(s): Burssens et al. Examiner: C. Collins
 Serial No.: 09/673,710 Group: Art Unit : 1638
 Filed: March 7, 2001
 For: STRESS TOLERANT PLANTS

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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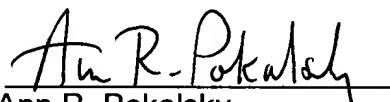
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Respectfully submitted,


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the present amendments be entered and considered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, rendering the Office Action of February 24, 2004, non-final in nature.

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